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*Report of research committee of the National Council of Cotton Manufacturers.* (Cambridge, Mass.: Research Committee of the Council, Lawrence Hall. 1919. Pp. 14.)

This pamphlet represents a preliminary report made by Professor Copeland, of Harvard University, for the Research Committee of the National Council of Cotton Manufacturers. The study includes a consideration of import and export statistics in various countries.

## Transportation and Communication

### NEW BOOKS

ACWORTH, W. M. *Report of the commissioner appointed to inquire into railway questions in Southern Rhodesia.* (Bulawayo: Argus Prtg. Co. Republished by the Railway Commission Committee. 1918. Pp. 80.)

BALDWIN, E. E. *The relation of law to the development of our merchant marine.* (New York: National Foreign Trade Council. 1919. Pp. 16.)

BROOKS, S. *The problem of British shipping.* (Washington: Supt. Docs. 1919. Pp. 14.)

CHOSE, S. C. *A monograph on Indian railway rates.* (Calcutta: Supt. Gov. Prtg. 1919. Pp. xxvi, 595, xxiv. 4s. 6d.)

COLLINS, J. H. *Motor transportation for rural districts.* (Washington: U. S. Dept. Agri. 1919. Pp. 32.)

COUNTY, A. J. *How shall we rehabilitate our railroads?* (New York: Nat. Assoc. Manufacturers. 1919. Pp. 226.)

FAIRCHILD, C. B., JR. *Training for the electric railway business.* (Philadelphia: Lippincott. 1919. Pp. 154.)

HURLEY, E. N. *Plan for the operation of the New American merchant marine.* (Washington: U. S. Shipping Board. 1919. Pp. 16.)

MITCHELL, C. E. *American railways under government operation and the financial outlook.* (New York: National City Co. 1919. Pp. 18.)

SMITH, J. R. *Influence of the Great War upon shipping.* Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. (New York: Oxford Univ. Press. 1919. Pp. vii, 357. \$1.)

WANG, C. C. *Legislative regulation of railway finance in England.* (Urbana, Ill.: Univ. Illinois. 1918. Pp. 80, 116. \$1.50.)

To be reviewed.

*A graphic study of the Illinois Central Railway Company.* (New York: National City Co. 1919. Pp. 23.)

*Railway earnings in 1918. Railways having annual operating revenues above \$1,000,000.* (Washington: Bureau of Railway Economics. 1919. Pp. 16.)

*Railway reorganization, a study of possibilities of staff reorganization.* (London: E. and F. N. Spon. 1919. 6s. 6d.)

*Record of American and foreign shipping.* (New York: Am. Bureau of Shipping. 1919. Pp. 1056.)

*Results of government control in 1918.* (New York: E. W. Cooper, 83 St. Johns St. 1919. Pp. 8. 5c.)

*Shipping's share in foreign trade. Fundamentals of ocean transportation.* (New York: Guaranty Trust Co. 1919. Pp. 30.)

*Ships and the ocean. A list of books on ships, commerce, and the merchant marine. Compiled for the United States Shipping Board for the Free Public Library of Newark, N. J.* (Washington: Supt. Docs. 1918. Pp. 7.)

*World shipping data; report on European mission.* (Washington: U. S. Shipping Board. 1918. Pp. 32.)

### Trade, Commerce, and Commercial Crises

*Commercial Russia.* By WILLIAM HENRY BEABLE. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1919. Pp. 278. \$3.00.)

The reviewer who sets out to criticise a work upon Russia from the viewpoint of the correctness of fact is obviously confronted by an impossible task. One statement which may always be safely made is that undoubtedly conditions have changed since the book was written; so much is true of Mr. Beable's work upon commercial Russia. It is written by the organizer of the Anglo-Russian Trade Commission, established for the purpose of investigating on the spot the possibilities of British manufactures in Russia and the best methods to be employed for securing trade after the war.

The book is written upon the basis of two trips to Russia in 1916 and in 1917. The author draws freely upon official English sources for material, but advises merchants of his own country to make use of the Foreign Office, rather than of the Board of Trade, as a source of information. Mr. Beable's work, as its title indicates, is devoted, like the smaller work of the Russian merchants C. E. W. Petterson and Stevani (*How To Do Business With Russia*), to commercial development and commercial methods more completely than other works of description which have been accorded wide circulation. For discussion of characteristics of the country, the language, and the people, other sources are perhaps more readable and more authoritative. The work by Gregoire Alexinsky (*La Russie Moderne*; also translated into English) has interesting chapters upon the same topics.